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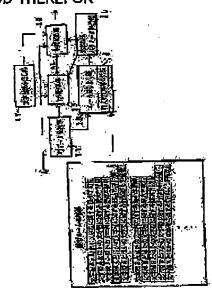
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(54) DOCUMENT SHAPING OUTPUT DEVICE AND METHOD THEREFOR

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To provide a character shaping device capable of shaping the characters by the inter-character adjustment in accordance with an inter-character adjustment rule set for each character type. CONSTITUTION: A document shaping output device is provided with a line data holding part 11 which holds the character data equivalent to a single line, a shaping rule storing part which stores the standard character width and inter-character width corresponding to the character types and the weight data that applies the weighting to the adjustment degree of the intercharacter width in order to satisfy the inter- character width setting rule for the character array set in accordance with the types of adjacent characters, a line width calculating part 16 which calculates the standard line width of a single line based on the standard character width and inter-character width read out of the shaping rule storing part in regard of the character data equal to a single line and also calculates the line



width adjustment degree meaning the difference from the given normal line width, and an intercharacter adjustment part 18 which calculates the adjustment degree of each inter-character width based on the weight data read out of the shaping rule storing part and then adjusts the line width so that the total adjustment degree of inter-character width is equal to the line width adjustment degree and also that the adjusted each inter-character width satisfies the intercharacter width setting rule.

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